

State Board of Education Meeting – Audio – 11/20/14 Part 1 (51:29) Opening, Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Formal Public Comment, Committee Reports from State Board Members, Update on Literacy Campaign Efforts and Secretary's Report

Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m. The following members of the State Board were present: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr.; G. Patrick Heffernan, and Barbara B. Rutt. Vice President Jorge Melendez arrived after roll was called. Secretary of Education Mark Murphy was present to serve as the Executive Secretary for the State Board and the Board's Executive Director, Donna Johnson, was also present.

Attached is the sign in sheet of attendees for the Board meeting. The agenda was approved as amended. An Executive Session was added at the end of today's agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Heffernan and seconded by Mrs. Rutt. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. (Mr. Melendez not present)

Minutes from the Special Meeting of October 9, 2014 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to approve the minutes of that special meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously by voice vote. (Mr. Melendez not present)

Minutes from the regular meeting of October 9, 2014 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously by voice vote. (Mr. Melendez not present)

Minutes from the State Board Retreat of October 9, 2014 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan. Voting on the motion would take place after an additional member was present.

Two individuals had signed up to address the Board for public comment. Kevin Ohlandt stated he was a parent in the Capital School District. He commented on the winners and losers in Race to the Top noting that the Governor and Rodel were winners and public school students were the losers. Mike Matthews also made public comment. He is a fifth grade teacher at Warner Elementary in the Red Clay Consolidated School District. He spoke on transparency and the three priority schools in his district and asked if there was any indication of the priority school identification and selection in the previous eighteen months. He indicated that he would be submitting a FOIA request to the Department on any emails or correspondence that focused on the priority schools in his district going back to before the announcement of the priority schools.

Board members highlighted their monthly activities. Ms. Johnson commented on the State Board Workshop that would focus on the Next Generation Science Standards scheduled for December 1st. The professional development will provide an overview of the standards and implementation. Dr. Gray highlighted the celebration of Delaware STEM educators where 21 educators were honored. She also commented on the conferences she attended; the National Associate of State Boards of Education Conference and the National Association of Charter School Authorizers.

As part of the update on the Literacy Campaign, Imani Henry and her mother Stacey Henry, were present and spoke on the 100 Men Reading Program.

Secretary Murphy provided his monthly report. He highlighted the Department's budget hearing and the fifteen schools that were recipients of Academic Achievement Awards. Each school will be awarded \$50,000.

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Brian Touchette and Rita Fry from the Department's Office of Assessment provided the 2014 SAT Results. Delaware's participation in one of the highest in the nation as 100% of 2014 public school graduates took the SAT as compared to 47.5% nationally. Delaware's average scores from last year increased but are below the national average. A comparison to last year's scores was presented as well as college and career readiness. A brief report was provided on Advanced Placement participation and performance. The state saw a 3% increase in exams taken with a 5% increase in students taking more than one exam.

The Board recessed from 2:37 p.m. to 2:48 p.m.

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Shana Payne from the Department's Higher Education Office provided the Fall 2014 Higher Education Update. More than half of the students enrolled in Delaware colleges and universities require remediation with African American, Hispanic, Special Education and low income students with the highest rates. Ms. Payne highlighted Foundations of College Math which is a partnership of all six higher education institutions and three high schools to pilot this course on what students need to accomplish in high school to be college ready in math. The Board also received an update on dual enrollment efforts in the state and the Delaware College Scholars' Program which is a three year summer program for high achieving, first generation low income students. The presentation concluded with an update on "Getting to Zero."

The regulations before the Board were for discussion. Tina Shockley, the Department's Policy Advisor, presented the regulations and was accompanied by Department staff to assist in any questions. Regulation 101, State Assessment System; Regulation 923, Children with Disabilities Subpart B, General Duties and Eligibility of Agencies; Regulation 925, Children with Disabilities Subpart D, Evaluations, Eligibility Determination, Individualized Education Programs were all discussion items and advertised for sixty days. These proposed regulations will be presented for action at the Board's December meeting. Regulation 915, James H. Groves High School was also presented for discussion and it was noted that Regulation 245 Michael C. Ferguson Scholarship was on the Board's agenda for information. The Board shared their comments on areas for revision and clarification before action in December.

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The Board returned to vote on its motion on to approve the minutes of the October 10th retreat. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Coverdale abstained.

Jen Nagourney from the Charter School Office provided an update on the 2014-15 renewal process and reported that Secretary Murphy approved the minor modification for the Delaware STEM Academy to delay its opening for one year. Jen Carlson, also from the Charter School Office, presented to the Board the 2013-2014 Organizational and Financial Framework Reports and highlighted the Organizational Framework Guidance Document.

Chris Kenton, Executive Director for the Professional Standards Board presented their agenda items. Regulation 1572 Teacher of Students who are Gifted and Talented; Regulation 1512 Issuance and Renewal of Advanced License; Regulation 1513 Denial of Licenses and Regulation 1514 Revocation, Limitation, or Suspension of Licenses were all for discussion. These regulations will be presented for action at the December State Board meeting. Regulation 1507 Alternate Routes to Teacher Licensure and Certification Program was presented for publication. A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to approve the publication of Regulation 1507. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Deputy Attorney General Ilona Kirshon provided the Board with an update on the current appeals and Dr. Gray indicated the information items that were on the agenda.

The Boards entered into executive session to discussion personnel matters on a motion by Mr. Melendez that was seconded by Mr. Coverdale. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board entered into Executive Session at 4:09 p.m. and returned to open session at 4:45 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Coverdale that was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously by voice vote.

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There being no further business of the State Board, a motion was made by Mr. Melendez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Mark T. Murphy, Executive Secretary
and Secretary of Education

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